

pronounced image of that face, so we by thinking of Christ and praying to our great All-Father that thru the transforming power of the Holy Spirit we may come nearer to the ideal and not fall short of the blessings promised.

Opportunities for personal work were never more numerous than now. Imagination fondly pictures a weary traveler, seated by a well kindly asking of a woman drink to quench his thirst, and the burden of that conversation has been and is to carry a message down thru the ages, the power of personal work. Have we yet heard the voice of duty and opportunity in its ever-increasing volume as it sounds over the flood of years?

The traveler in that picture is none other than our blessed Saviour teaching us by example what the manner of our work as Christians should be. The same truth which Jesus uttered after that conversation by the wayside well is yet true. "Behold I say unto you lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest."

The Bible is an open book in our land of religious freedom. We as individuals are neglecting a very important part of work if we do not commit the beautiful sayings and precious truths of the Bible to memory and thus by example as well as by advice give angels food to precious souls who have it not.

Have you ever been tempted by a desire for evil companions? The tempter's power will vanish if the first Psalm is repeated: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate day and night." How grandly the question as to who shall be citizens in the spiritual kingdom is answered. "Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully."

In an article upon the value of Bible memory work in the "Lutheran", R. V. Raumer says: "It is an equally kind and wise arrangement of our faithful God that in the memory he has granted us a spiritual store-room in which we can sow seeds for the future. The ignorant man thinks these things are dead. Not so, he who knows that at the right time their energetic life, power building and swelling unfolds itself." The boy learned the verse: "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me." In his early years he had no trouble and so did not understand it. But when arrived at manhood and a time of unbounded overwhelming need dawned suddenly upon him these words suddenly appear before his soul like a helping angel of peace and comfort. He understands it now.

So many illustrations of the influence of the Bible in shaping conduct in life might be given to show the necessity of industrial study in order to increase our power as work-

ers in all church work of which only a few will be given. A writer nicely observes that the story of separate chapters or even separate verses of the Bible if it could be known would be a record of surpassing interest. "In the experience of every one some texts shine like stars as we think of personal trials they brightened or death beds of friends they cheered. Every religious life borrows thus its own seared illumination—its own galaxies and bright particular stars which have soothed disappointments, tempered calamities and filled the mind with a strong and steadfast serenity in the darkest moments. Kings, peasants, philosophers and the illiterate martyrs and confessors have alike been cheered, inspired and sustained by its wondrous words. It has created the loftiest poetry and the sublimest art the world has ever known, a literature unique in its power and dignity."

At a single warning of the epistles St. Augustine's hard heart was melted. A single chapter of Isaiah made a penitent believer of the profligate Rochester. A word to St. Paul has become the stronghold of Luther. Thomas Arnold murmured in dying "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed." The Countess of Huntingdon died quoting Christ's words, "I go to my Father." Latimer at the stake roused his soul by the remembrance "That God is faithful and will not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able." Luther died saying, "Into thy hands I commit my spirit." What shall we say of a book so many tongued, so intensely human and so authoritatively divine. Whose voice can it be but God's?

St. Augustine is quoted to have said in Cicero and Plato "I meet many things finely said and many things that move the spirit, but in none of them do I find these words, 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.'"

Thus prepared and thus to live, all the while erecting a monument to the glory of God me thinks is duty well performed. Marble shafts proudly lifting their heads until they almost pierce the clouds will crumble to dust and the inscriptions will be erased from the minds of the living. What labor they cost! Why waste our time with such structures?

But let us rather turn from things so perishable to the erection of monuments which time and the elements cannot hurl into the world of oblivion and whose inscriptions will ever brighten.

Let us as workers in the church, to glorify God and for our eternal welfare build a monument—Christian character the image of which shall be impressed on the minds of the generations yet to be, and whose sculptor shall be Christ. And then when our life work is ended, may we have the indescribable pleasure of meeting our friends and our once little ones whom in life we influenced for good grown pure and wise, and of hearing from the lips of our once crucified but now exalted Saviour the "Well done, thou

good and faithful servant enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Missions

Chicago Letter

Brother Bell, a student in the Chicago University and formerly a minister and state secretary of the Seventh Adventist church, was baptized in our baptistry on the 5th inst. Brother Yoder came over with him and administered the rite. We have known Brother Bell for some years, and had many conversations with him, in all of which we were impressed with his earnestness, zeal and desire for the truth, and are glad to welcome him into the ranks of the Brethren church. He goes to Waterloo, Iowa, to take charge of the church at that place, and we bespeak for him a successful ministry.

Recently we have placed an apparatus for warming the water in our baptistry costing us ten dollars. Our S. S. contributed the money with which to pay for it out of their treasury. Several times the school has come to our aid in the matter of money, and it is a peculiar pleasure to know its zeal and ability to do this.

Our Children's Day service which took place on the evening of the 8 was perhaps the best entertainment ever given here by the children, and speaks well for Sister Miller who had charge of their training. About forty children took part in the exercise, and all rendered their parts well, and their singing was excellent. Our school is growing on all lines.

Notwithstanding we cannot report the number of converts our friends may desire, and we ourselves earnestly wish for, yet we feel that progress is being made that will count for more than superficial numbers in the matter of building up a church. Many very zealous people have much to learn about missionary work and missionary fields. When we once enter the foreign field there will be a trial of faith and patience, nevertheless if we plant well, we shall reap abundantly, if we faint not. Some of the seed will fall in the shallow soil and will spring up quickly and wither as quickly, other will find depth of earth, and mature and bring forth an hundred fold. Our S. S. will reach a hundred average attendance during the summer, all are working to this end. Some of my friends ask me if this work is hard. Yes, it is hard and requires much patience and faith in the supernatural power. Quiet diligent work counts for most.

Recently we had some striking times in the city. The strike among the packers and stockyardmen resulted in considerable bloodshed, and an enormous loss of money and temper, and several lives, while a great many were injured and crippled for life. It was the first mob in active operation I had ever seen. I witnessed a street fight between the police and a street full of surging